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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2003, Applicants submit herewith in the above-mentioned patent application a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the required fee. These documents are due on or before December 15, 2003 (December 13, 2003 is a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-534C CIP1 (Cura-34C CIP1).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are shown starting on page 4 of this paper.